

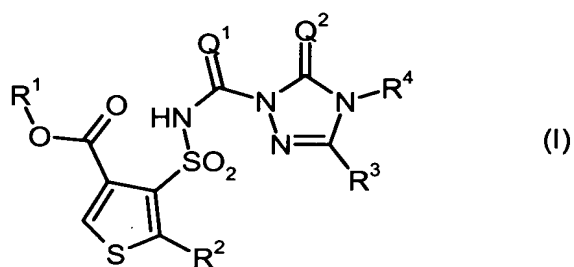
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. Cancelled.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented): A compound of the formula (I)



wherein

Q¹ represents O,

Q² represents O,

R¹ represents -CH₃,

R² represents -CH₃,

R³ represents -OCH₃, and

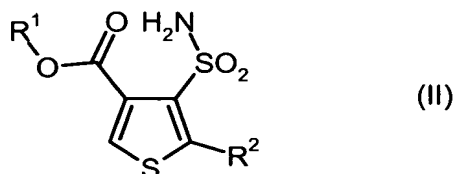
R⁴ represents -CH₃

or a salt thereof.

Claims 3-4. (Cancelled).

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a compound according to Claim 2, comprising the step of:

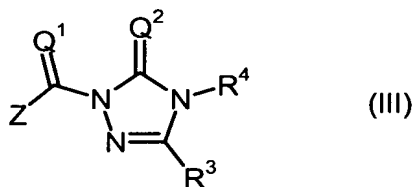
(a) reacting a substituted thiophene-3-sulphonamide of the formula (II)



wherein

R¹ and R² are each as defined in Claim 2

with a substituted ~~triazolin(ethi)one~~ triazolinone of the formula (III)



wherein

Q¹, Q², R³ and R⁴ are each as defined in Claim 2 and

Z represents halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy or arylalkoxy,

optionally in the presence of an acid binder and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

wherein said reaction is carried out at a temperature of about -20°C and +150°C under a pressure selected from the group consisting of atmospheric pressure, elevated pressure and reduced pressure and wherein, optionally, said reaction mixture is stirred for several hours at said temperature and wherein optionally approximately equimolar amounts of said substituted thiophene-3-sulphonamide of the formula (II) and said substituted ~~triazolin(ethi)one~~ triazolinone of the formula (III) are reacted in said reaction.

Claim 6-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8. (Previously Presented): A method for controlling undesirable vegetation, comprising the step of allowing an effective amount of one or more compounds according to Claim 2 to act on a member selected from the group consisting of an undesirable plant, a habitat of said undesirable plant and combinations thereof.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10. (Previously Presented): An herbicidal composition comprising one or more compounds according to Claim 2 and a member selected from the group consisting of one or more extenders, one or more surfactants, and combinations thereof.

Claims 11-28 (Cancelled).

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 2 wherein said salt of said compound of the formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of a sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, ammonium, C₁-C₄-alkyl-ammonium, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tri-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tetra-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tri-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-sulphonium, C₅- or C₆-cycloalkyl-ammonium and di-(C₁-C₂-alkyl)-benzylammonium salt of said compound of the formula (I).